

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 35-39 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 36 have been amended. No claims have been added. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1 and 35-39 are present for examination. Claims 1 and 36 are independent claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103, Takahashi in view of Kobayashi and Aotake

Claims 1 and 35-39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,483,983 B1 to Takahashi et al. (“**Takahashi**”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,900,868 to Duhault et al. (“**Duhault**”) and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0172588 A1 to Mattaway (“**Mattaway**”).

Applicants submit that Takahashi that discloses an “information reproducing apparatus and information recording/reproducing apparatus capable of searching and selecting information with ease through common manipulations independent of recording media. A recording medium is employed from which start positions of recorded picture programs and start positions of scenes composing each picture program can be read out as data. Symbols corresponding to the picture programs recorded on the recording medium are displayed in an array on a single display screen. A given one of the symbols being displayed is selected, and reduced start pictures of plural scenes, respectively, which compose a picture program affixed with the selected given symbol are displayed in a partitioned array on the single display screen. A desired one of the plural start pictures of reduced size which are being displayed is selected and determined for reproducing the scene corresponding to the determined start picture fully over the single display screen.” (Takahashi at Abs.)

Further, Applicants submit that Duhault discloses “[a] method and apparatus that automatically scales the channel display area (i.e., thumbnails of the channels) based on the number of channels and displaying characteristics and that provides the user with options to customize the plurality of channels displayed in the multi-channel display is accomplished by determining whether all of the channels in the user's customized list can be displayed within the given display area, which may be the full screen or a portion thereof. If all of the channels can be

displayed in the given display area, another determination is made to determine the size of each of channel display areas (i.e., thumbnail). Having made this determination, visual representations of each channel in the user's customized list is displayed. While the multi-channel display is being presented, the user can select one of them for customized editing.” (Duhault at Abs.)

Mattaway discloses “[a] collaborative multimedia system includes a plurality of notebook processes operatively interconnected over a computer network to a conference server, and, an optional podium process capable of controlling the priority of communications within the conference. The notebook processes are capable of privately communicating with other conference participants in addition to participating in the conference. A sophisticated graphic user interface provides public and private whiteboard areas by which graphic information may be exchanged with other processes in a conference or over separate communication link.” (Mattaway at Abs.)

Nonetheless, Applicants respectfully submit that Takahashi, Duhault, and Mattaway, individually or when combined fail to teach or suggest that “the single frames, selected or unselected, are configured to be displayed in an overlapping manner” and that “the size of the selected small frame of the user-selected title becomes larger than those of the unselected small frames”, as recited by claims 1 and 36. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn. Claims 35 and 37-39 depend from claims 1 or 36, thus at least by virtue of their dependence on an allowable base claim, Applicants submit that claims 35 and 37-39 are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

The Applicants do not believe any fees are due, however, in the event that fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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